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Economic Affairs Interim Committee Agenda

June 22, 2016

Room 137

Note: Some of the agenda items may take more or less time than indicated. All of the agenda items include time for questions by the committee members.

Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order - Roll Call - Rep. Lynch, presiding officer
Agenda and Meeting Materials Review - Pat Murdo, committee staff
- 8:35 a.m. **Agency Legislation Review**
--Department of Commerce: Meg O'Leary, Director

Public Comment

****Committee Action:** Forward Bills for Drafting
- 9:00 a.m. **Agency Monitoring -- Montana State Fund Budget Review**
--Mark Barry, Montana State Fund Chief Financial Officer
--Rene Martello, Montana State Fund Controller
--Laurence Hubbard, Montana State Fund President and Chief Executive Officer

Public Comment
- 9:40 a.m. **Emerging or Member Issues: Workers' Compensation and Emergency Responders**
--Presumptive Illness among Firefighters
David Van Son, Great Falls, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters
Jason Banfield, Billings
Nick Mazanec, State Auditor's Office

Public Comment
- 10:10 a.m. --Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Mental-Mental Occupational Disease
Sgt. Richard LaBard, Great Falls Police Department, speaking for himself
Larry Jones, defense attorney in private practice
Justin Starin, plaintiff's attorney in private practice

Public Comment
- 11:00 a.m. **Agency Monitoring -- Board of Livestock**
--Financial Audit Summary of Department of Livestock
Kelly Zwang, Legislative Audit Division

--Comment from John Scully, Board of Livestock, on financial audit

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--Performance Audit Summary of Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory
John Harrington, Legislative Audit Division

--Comment from John Scully, Board of Livestock on performance audit
--Comment from Charles Boyer, Montana State University Vice President and Dean of Agriculture, with Tracy Ellig, MSU Communications

--Board of Livestock (BOL) and Department of Livestock (DOL) Reviews
John Scully: Update on Milk Assessment Rule, Board of Livestock Activities, Request for Attorney General Opinion on Responsibilities for Bison
Mike Honeycutt, DOL executive officer, Budget Review and Update

Public Comment

Working Lunch

1:15 p.m. Update on Commercially Raised Bison
--Aaron Paulson, President of Montana Bison Association

1:30 p.m. **Assigned Studies -- HJR 29 -- Air Ambulance Study**
--Update from State Auditor's Office on Working Group - Nick Mazanec, State Auditor's Office and Jesse Laslovich, Chief Counsel for State Auditor's Office (by phone)
--Possible Legislative Options, Nick Mazanec, State Auditor's Office

Public Comment

2:00 p.m. **Agency Monitoring -- Department of Labor and Industry**
--Followup to Convenience/Gas Store Measuring Device Fees/Inspections
Todd Younkin, Administrator, Business Standards Division
Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association

Public Comment

2:30 p.m. **Assigned Studies -- SB 390 -- Department Fees for Licensing Boards**
Legislative Solutions to Issues Raised During SB 390 Discussions
--Enterprise Funds, Todd Younkin, Business Standards Division
--Administratively Attached Boards/Active Supervision clarification - overview Pat Murdo
LC3901, LC3902, LC3903 Bill Draft Options for Committee Review
--Prorated License Fees for First-Year if Not a Full Year - overview Pat Murdo
Todd Younkin, Observations from the Department of Labor and Industry

Public Comment

3:15 p.m. **Member Issues**
--Liquor Laws Update by Interested Parties' Working Group
Darryl James, Facilitator

Public Comment



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- 3:45 p.m. Work Session on Possible Committee Legislation - Introduction of topics by Pat Murdo
--Revise (or Remove) Requirement for Interim Committees to Review Advisory Boards
--Revise Reporting for Business Industrial Development Companies
--Switch monitoring of Liquor Division from Revenue and Transportation Committee to
Economic Affairs (in line with Business and Labor Committees hearing liquor bills)
- 4:15 p.m. **Rule Review** -- Jameson Walker, staff attorney
- 4:30 p.m. Public Comment on Any Issue within the Economic Affairs Interim Committee Purview
- 4:45 p.m. Directions to Staff. Confirmation of next meeting Aug. 30-31.
--Adjourn

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